

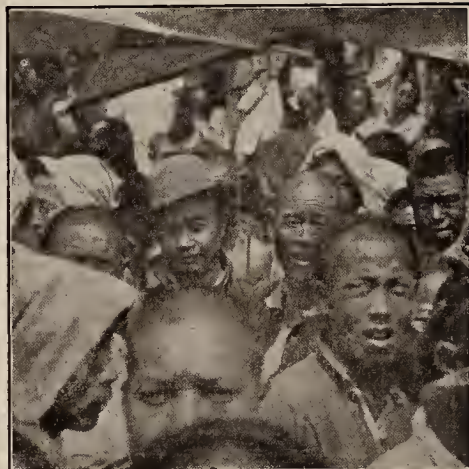
The Challenge of the Unattempted

And How a Business Man Met It

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That is what it was. There was the northern half of the province of Shensi, in Northwest China, with upwards of 8,000,000 souls. Unoccupied by a single missionary and, worst of all, unevangelized. No mission board had even made a map of it. Still God-forsaken would not be the proper characterization.

One day there came to the American Board an alluring request from the China Continuation Committee, which federates all the Protestant societies



A Typical Shensi Group

working in that country. They asked the Board to take over full responsibility for those 8,000,000 souls. But there are limits, and the Board had reached them. The Prudential Committee could only listen and long. The treasury had been stretched as far as it could go.

A New England business man then came to the front. He could not get it out of his head. It bore down on his conscience. The only way out was to come forward with an offer of \$1,000 a year for ten years to make a beginning of evangelistic work among those 8,000,000 neglected people. He could do this because of his solemn vow, made



A Wild and Undeveloped Country of
Some Dozen Mountainous Ranges



Mr. Pye, One of Two Brothers, from a Minnesota Home, Only Children, Both Missionaries of the American Board

some years before, to share his income "fifty-fifty" with the Lord.

Then the start! The Board laid hands on a seasoned missionary, Rev. Watts O. Pye, and turned him loose on the task. For six months he went up and down that territory on the back of his traveling mule, surveying the field. He mapped out the rivers, the caravan routes; he located the coal and iron deposits; he figured as to where the railroads would be built; he jotted down walled cities by the score. He then selected five of those cities as the first point of attack. He had previously picked out with great care ten Chinese pastors. He spent three weeks

instructing them and building up their spiritual life, and then, in good apostolic fashion, sent them out two by two.

Returns at once! The reception of these messengers of Christ was cordial to the point of eagerness. After two years churches had been established, not only in these five centers, but in five other cities and in nearby villages, to make seventeen in all. Mark you, all this is the result of Mr. Man of Business' consecrated gift, plus consecrated and able service on the field. About this time Mr. Pye returned to the United States on a well-earned furlough. Arriving in Boston, the first man he asked for was Mr. Man of Business. When they came face to face, the missionary handed over to the man of business a beautiful silk banner. It was covered with odd Chinese characters. These, said Mr. Pye, are the names of 680 men and women who



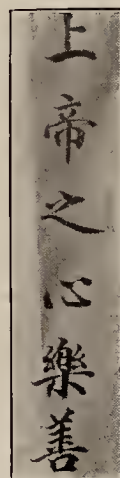
Mr. Pye on Mule Back, about to Start on a Tour. Think of Reading Volume after Volume under Such Conditions

have found their way to Christ through your gift. Prefacing the list of names was a letter to Mr. Man of Business. It began: "You, Sir, have God's heart. We owe it to you that the grace of God has come to us in Shensi. How can we thank you? We are utterly unable to do so." Has any one ever said such things of you? Would you like them to say such things?

And still they come! Two years afterwards Mr. Pye reported that the number of churches had grown to nineteen, the number of members to 1,720. Among these was the magistrate of one of the leading counties, four fathers of county magistrates, and thirteen vil-

lage presidents. The work is hitting the high spots. One of the churches had just dedicated a building costing them \$3,400—a large sum in China. A number of these churches were nearing self-support. All are working toward that end, and Mr. Man of Business' gift, when released in certain quarters, is used to open up work elsewhere.

The end not in sight! Last reports show the blessing of this consecrated money is now, after six years, being felt in forty-five cities and villages where churches have been established. These places range from 10,000 to 95,000 people. Besides, preaching services are being held in thirty other places. Over thirty-five hundred souls have been brought into the membership of these churches of Christ. Now Mr. Man of Business is planning to



These Six Characters from the Banner Read, "You, Sir, Have God's Heart"



Shensi Carpenters at Work on Materials for the Building of the New Churches

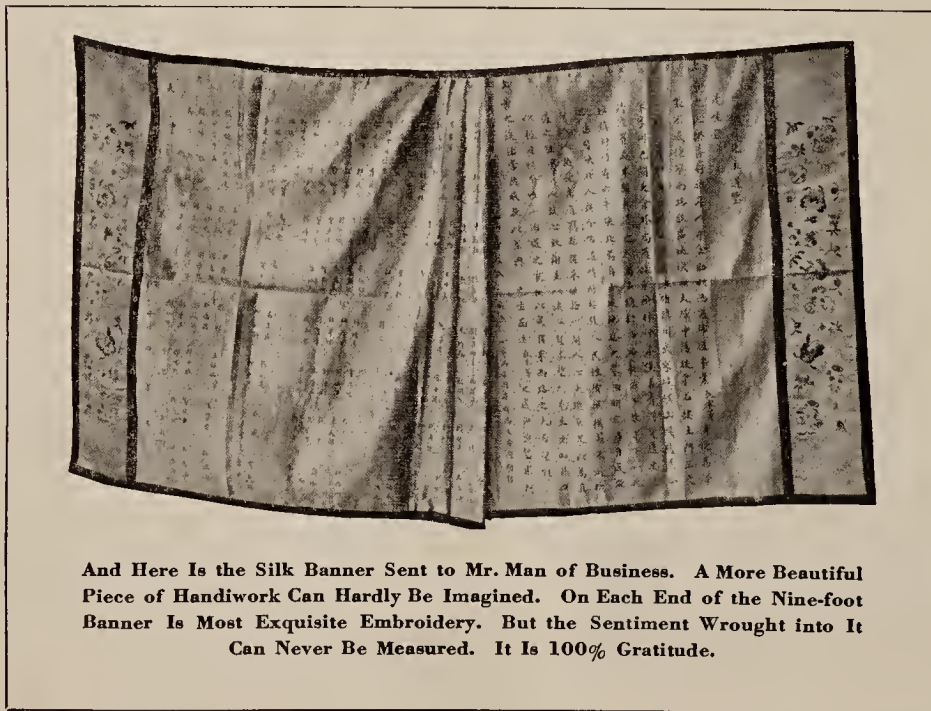


**Native Pastors — a Few of Those
Mr. Pye Selected and Trained to
Go into the Shensi Field**

enlarge the work by the occupation of more communities and by furnishing funds for the training of the numbers of young men and women of the region who are asking to become ministers and religious workers.

Ask him if he is satisfied with his investment! It is no longer the **Challenge of the Unattempted**. It is the **Challenge of the Unattained**. He feels the pull of the millions still unreached. With such consecration and such Christlike campaigning the Kingdom will come, not only in Shensi, but everywhere. What part are you taking in it?

**Write to the Home Department of the American Board
(14 Beacon Street, Boston) if you want to know about definite
investments in the Foreign Field.**



**And Here Is the Silk Banner Sent to Mr. Man of Business. A More Beautiful
Piece of Handiwork Can Hardly Be Imagined. On Each End of the Nine-foot
Banner Is Most Exquisite Embroidery. But the Sentiment Wrought into It
Can Never Be Measured. It Is 100% Gratitude.**